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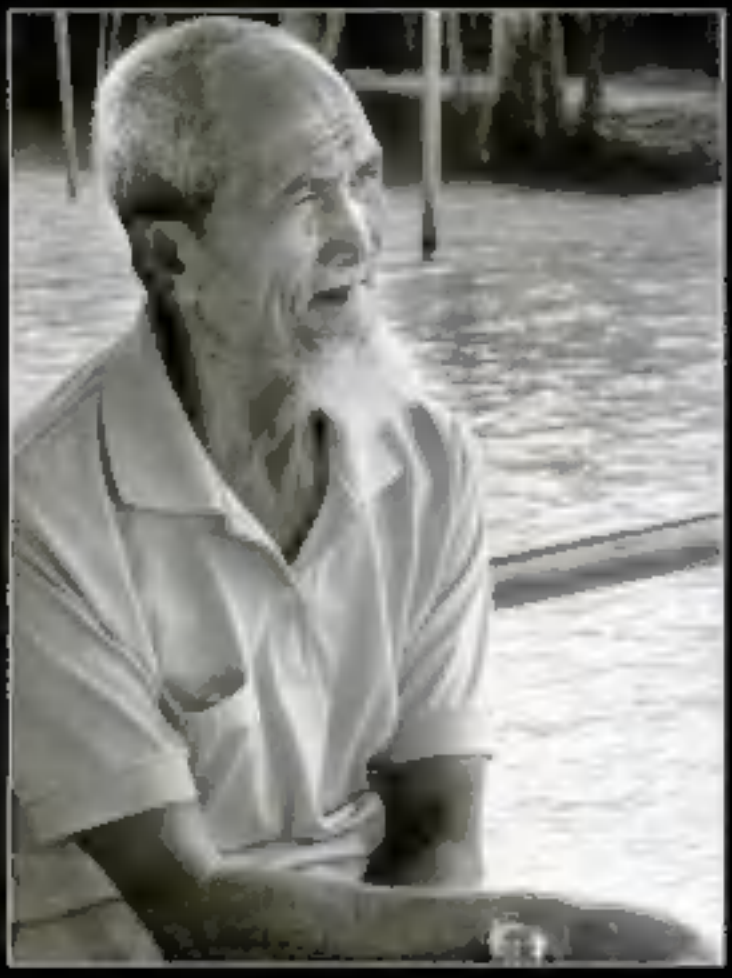

By DICK SIEGEL

MORGAN, Md. — Meet the miracle doctor whose grateful patients call him 'Fearless!'

"All anxiety disorders stem from a primal fear," said Dr. Tse Hu, of the Neurological Phobic Institute, who has made a startling breakthrough in curing the chronically afraid. "I became interested in phobias because, as a child, I suffered from a terrible fear of the dark and had to sleep with the lights on. After years of therapy, I was finally able to sleep with just a night light and finally no light at all.

"But for many, simply facing their fears isn't enough."

Making phobia research his life's work, Hu spent nearly a decade refining a technique he calls "trance deportation."

"First, patients are lulled into a state of deep relaxation," said Dr. Hu. "Then I place them into a hypnotic trance where their subconscious is susceptible to suggestion.

"Fear is intangible, and it is difficult to fight something you can neither see nor feel," he went on. "Under hypnosis, we transform the fear into a material entity. In that form it is vulnerable to physical attack."

Former patient Lennie Murdock spent six weeks undergoing treatment and was enthusiastic about the results.

"I suffered from agoraphobia – a fear of being in open or public places," he said. "With Dr. Hu's help, I transmuted my fear into a swarm of red ants and crushed them underfoot. One day, when I awoke, I was no longer afraid."

"Not all cases are so easy to cure," Dr. Hu admitted. "One woman visualized her fear of heights as a three-headed dragon. She slew it nightly for three months before she was finally able to climb a flight of stairs without getting weak-kneed."

So far, Dr. Hu has treated twenty patients with an unprecedented cure rate of one hundred percent.

"President Franklin Roosevelt once said 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself,'" said Dr. Hu. "As more and more psychiatrists adopt my system, even that will be a fear-some conclusion."

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Some of the unusual phobias Dr. Hu has treated:
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*BAROPHOBIA: fear of gravity
*PHOBOPHOBIA: fear of fear
*METROPHOBIA: fear of poetry
*CLINOPHOBIA: fear of going to bed
*EISOPTROPHOBIA: fear of mirrors
*AMATHOPHOBIA: fear of dust
*POGONOPHOBIA: fear of beards
*CACOPHOBIA: fear of ugliness
*PANOPHOBIA: fear of everything
LATE BREAKING NEWS: DR. HU CONTACTS WEEKLY WORLD NEWS WITH THIS UPDATE:
"I am increasingly concerned that I may unleash demons my patients will not be able to slay. Bah! There is no possibility of this. Such ignorant views may have been a concern over a century ago, when Joseph Conrad wrote in Lord Jim, 'How does one kill fear, I wonder? How do you shoot a spectre through the heart, slash off its spectral head, take it by its spectral throat?' With my advanced techniques I want to assure everyone there is absolutely no danger that I will ever lose control of the entities I release."

Spacefaring Hillbillies Established 'Cletus Base'

By BOB MICHAEL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Due to pressure from *Weekly World News*, NASA has admitted a long-secret mission that revealed a dark side of the agency's early days.

"In 1960, we accidentally sent two Appalachian mountain men on a disastrous lunar mission," said NASA spokesman Mike Gimbal. "It was the height of the Cold War, we were in a space race against the Russians, and we were impressed by the ingenuity of Cletus McCoy and Billy Joe Dunnett, who snuck into Cape Canaveral and drunkenly transformed a Redstone rocket into a giant moonshine still.

"They knew how to turn the rocket's alcohol-based propellant into a wicked backwoods cocktail," Gimbal admitted.

What they *didn't* know was not to fire up their corncob pipes so close to the fuel tanks.

"We covered-up the fiery accident, which sent the mountain men and their moonshine to the actual moon," Gimbal said. "We said it was just another launchpad explosion, which the press had no trouble believing. The truth was just too embarrassing."

The hillbillies' fate remains uncertain. Gimbal could not confirm reports that Cletus and Billy Joe refused an offer to return home with the Apollo 17 astronauts in 1972.

"The landing crew received what sounded like a CB broadcast," Gimbal said. "The commander responded that they were revving the new lunar rover and would roam and get them. Apparently, the broadcasters heard that as 'revenuers' and warned them to stay away.

"But we're not too worried about the hillbillies," Gimbal added. "They tend to thrive in isolated, mountainous areas."

Gimbal also took solace in recent photos taken by a European lunar probe.

"We can see a rusty lunar rover up on moon rocks," he said. "So the boys are probably fine up there, and keeping busy."

THE BUCK STOPS SOMEWHERE!

PAISLEY, W.Va. – Authorities have issued a history-making, all-points bulletin — for a deer!

Big Buck, a three hundred pound, white-tailed deer, has been designated by the FBI as 'the most dangerous animal in the nation.'

"That monster destroyed Lieutenant Filbert's patrol car," police spokesperson Dan Donat explained to *Weekly World News*. "Filbert was cruising Highway Five, looking for out-of-state plates, when *wham!*— a pair of hooves shattered his front windshield."

A reddish-brown stag bounded over the hood, causing the patrol car to spin out of control and flip. As Filbert gazed through shattered glass, he glimpsed Big Buck raise his antlers and paw the vehicle's twisted metal in a smug, self-satisfied victory dance.

"It was sick," Filbert said. "It was as if that miserable buck was saying, 'Come on, you want some?' A minute later he bolted across the state line into Kentucky, out of my jurisdiction."

There, the animal kicked in the side of a camper before disappearing into the woods.

Filbert had the animal declared armed — with rack and hooves — and dangerous. He also charged it with attempted homicide and unlawful flight. The FBI immediately placed the fugitive on its Ten Most Wanted List.

while West Virginia and Kentucky authorities kicked in a twenty-five thousand dollar reward.

"We'll get him," Filbert promised. "No hunter will be able to resist a sign that offers 'Dough: a Deer!'"

– SARA MCCULLOUGH

SCORN BOARD

MANASSA, Colo. –"We had just gotten a state-of-the-art computerized scoreboard that did everything but play the game," said Sandy Halifax, general manager of the Manassa Mudhens baseball team. "Unfortunately, during a twi-night doubleheader, the board crossed the line.

"First, it began cursing the opposing players and then the fans – loudly over the PA system!" Halifax said.

"When the fans retaliated by pelting the scoreboard with peanuts and soda, it responded by launching fireworks into the bleachers."

While technicians from the computer manufacturer seek to pacify the belligerent scoreboard, the Mudhens have no choice but to relocate to a local high school diamond for the duration of the season.

"We've attempted to reboot the scoreboard but keep getting nowhere," said Halifax. "Actually, that's not entirely true. Each time we try, it does accurately register 'strike out.'"

– RICK SHERER

MöBIUS STRIPPER

ELVGREN, Wyo. — When Rob Service went to see the new exotic dancer at the Pussycat Lounge, little did he know he'd have the time of his life — literally!

"The lights dimmed and a raven-haired, Russian beauty Astimova strutted onstage," the twenty-two-year-old Service told Weekly World News. "She began a complex, rhythmic gyration that made her seem like a figure eight! It was like she was made of rubber!"

Figuring that her head couldn't see her backside, he tried to slip her a fiver. Unfortunately, his hand lingered a little too long and was snared by her next twist.

"I was literally pulled from my seat and onto the stage," Service said. "Next thing I knew I was flat on my butt in a whole lot of pain.

"By touching her, the bar had been broken," he said. "So was my arm — by the bouncer."

— Dick Siegel

BELLYBUTTON RINGTONES

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – The beeping, chirping and musical notes of ringing cell phones have become a part of the background noise of everyday life. Now, however, a new company is adding electronic sounds to the mix with the introduction of Bellybutton RingTones.

"Everyone's getting their bellybuttons pierced, but other than another place to hang cheap jewelry, so what?" said seventeen-year-old Hedda Audi, inventor of the Bellybutton RingTones.

"I thought, shouldn't these things do something? Wouldn't it be cool if they could talk to one another? So I came up with this really tiny infra-red sensor. Actually, my dad did. I told him it was for a school project. Anyway, whenever one Bellybutton RingTone gets close to another, they both beep with any one of thousands of downloadable sounds or songs available at our Web site, umbilicalchord.com."

The RingTones were an instant success, much to the distress of Audi's school principal. "I've had to ban the things," said a harried Dr. Horace Beekman. "We had classrooms with dozens of these things going off all at the same time. Very disruptive."

"That ban is the best publicity we could've gotten," Audi said as the theme from *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* played from her navel. "We've tripled sales since the ban and plan to expand our business. People pierce all sorts of places, so there're millions of holes we can fill!"

'X' GETS X-ED

RAWHIDE GULCH, Texas – Officials at the Greater Texas Christian Academy have banned the letter "X" from [illegible] phonics.

"The teaching of [illegible] letter has been a continual problem," asserted Principal Ada Dowdridge. "The kids all know this 'unmentionable letter' designates pornography, so they [illegible] disruptive when we spell words like '[illegible]' 'plaid.'"

Educators now jump from "W" directly to "Y" when [illegible] the alphabet, simply avoiding the "letter which cannot be named."

"Some items are simply meant to be taught at home, by parents," opined Leah Ledbetter, PTA director. "Now, are extemporaneous comments will get these brats excommunicated [illegible]."

— Sara McCullagh

BOWIE FORK

JIM BOWIE, nineteenth-century pioneer and soldier, is famous not only for the part he played in the Texas Revolution and the Battle of the Alamo, but also for inventing the 15-inch-long Bowie knife.

"What made the Bowie knife so popular was its usefulness," said historian and weapons aficionado Lance Parry. "It was not only a deadly weapon, useful for self-protection, it was an effective camping tool. It could kill a bear, stick a fast-moving trout or whittle a tent pole in no time."

However, in the Kentucky cabin, Parry uncovered buried trash that contained another remarkable implement designed by the legendary warrior.

"Judging from the rotting 1815 newspaper I found in the heap, I believe the tool was invented before the Bowie knife," said Parry. "And I'm guessing it was the only one of its kind. Otherwise the world would have heard of the Bowie Fork."

The fork was three times larger than a normal utensil, and had only two tines.

"Not only were the points they were 11-inches each – but the edges had been honed to a razor's edge," said Parry.

"Before time dulled it, this fork would have been as deadly a weapon as any knife."

Parry theorized that this was the nineteen-year-old Bowie's first attempt at creating a utensil that could both cut and spear food.

"Though obviously the user would have had to have been very careful putting the fork in his or her mouth," Parry said. "That may be why it never caught on."

stains on this implement, I'd say young Master Bowie found that out for himself."

— Michael Kevin

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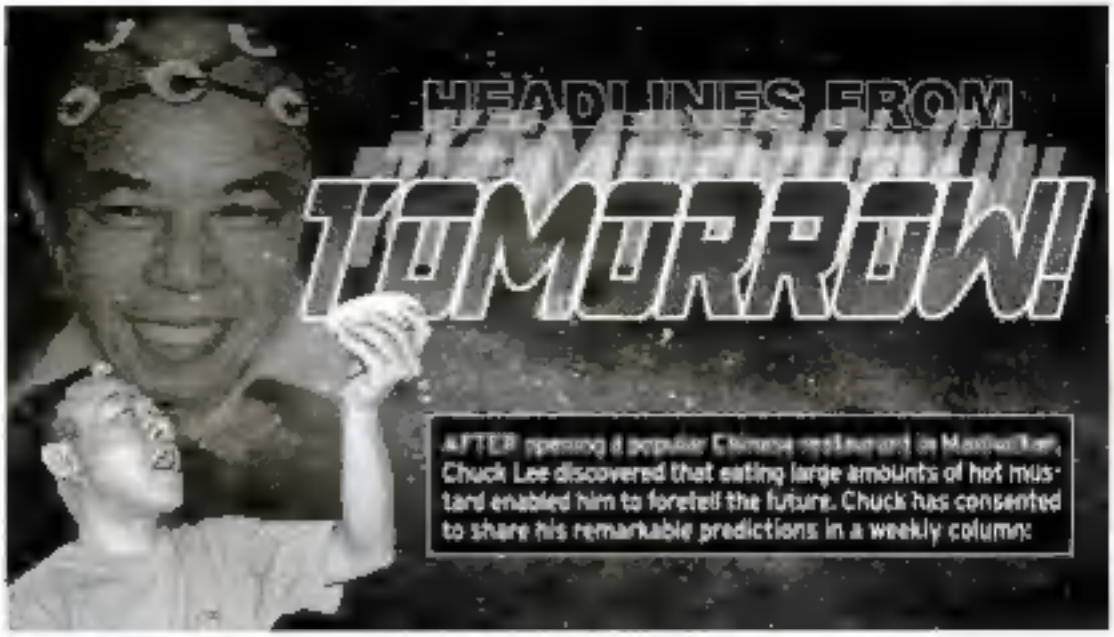

2008
BAGHDAD, Iraq

Coalition forces discover large, glowing spiders infesting a number of bunkers around the country. Apparently spawned by radiation from unsuccessful nuclear tests, these creatures are quarantined while aircraft are called in to destroy the insectoid threat.

2009
MANHATTAN, N.Y.

Self-help gurus preach a new technique for building self-esteem, in which people seek admiration from others. Wearing loud clothes, using hip, new phrases and striking exaggerated poses that cause the chest to project are all part of fly-fishing for compliments.

2010
MANHATTAN, N.Y.

Fly-fishing for compliments dies quickly when the complex, posturing language causes lines to become tangled.

2011
MIAMI, Fla.

Jewish butchers develop a science that involves intricate methods of curing and preparing meat for the ultimate in flavor. Upscale markets all over the world pay handsomely for meat prepared by these pastranomers.

2012
HARTFORD, Conn.

To make portable toilets less disgusting, scientists invent a stall that turns waste into energy and immediately transports it into

struction workers and parade-goers are grateful for the creation of these teleportapotties.

2013
HOUSTON, Texas

Astronomers make the momentous discovery that our galaxy is actually just half as large as previously thought. Since it's estimated to contain roughly one

hundred billion stars instead of two hundred billion, it's renamed the Skim Milky Way Galaxy.

2013
HOUSTON, Texas

As the star cluster closest to our own, the delighted Andromeda Galaxy immediately begins to lose weight.

2014
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Doctors create a new, foolproof form of birth control. Women are eager to receive these injections, known as inoculate conception.

2015
CHICAGO, Ill.

After decades of debate, linguists ascertain that the word 'cantankerous' is incorrect. Dictionaries change the word to 'maytankerous.'

2017
CLEVELAND, Ohio

Computer manufacturers design a program that allows parents to block online access to pornography. Within weeks, tens of thousands of household computers upload the new 'underwave.'

2022
ANNAPOLIS, Md.

Physicians unveil a more advanced implant that allows men to have children. These are called 'pop quizicles.'

THE MANE EVENT

2018
SAN DIEGO, Calif.

Researchers devise a new method of hair restoration utilizing lion genes. Bald men who have the feline DNA implanted beneath the scalp quickly grow a glorious head of hair.

2019
SAN DIEGO, Calif.

Inexplicably, many previously bald men begin sleeping twenty hours a day while the women go to work.

2020
SAN DIEGO, Calif.

In an effort to increase the speed with which humans move, these same researchers inject people with genes from cheetahs. Unfortunately, all they accomplish is to increase the incidence of marital infidelity.

2021
ANNAPOLIS, Md.

Physicians design special implants that restore roughly ten percent of the libidos of impotent males. Desperate men spare no expense to obtain these 'quizicles.'

2023
DOVER, Del.

Zoologists help to expedite the evolutionary process of primates in order to learn more about human development. They do this by giving monkeys disposable thumbs.

2025
LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Upgrading their list of high-risk areas, geologists define regions that suffer four or more earthquakes a year as a Grand Slam.

2024
LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Geologists discover that earthquakes are not caused primarily by major fault lines, which are fractures in the Earth's crust. They discover a large number of larger, deeper fissures that add to the instability of tectonic plates. Geologists call these double-fault lines.

2016
DES MOINES, Iowa

Farmers create a new chemical to discourage the growth of the troublesome bunny population. This is accomplished by spraying their fields with Salt Peter Rabbit.

SKULLDUGGERY CAP!

BLASKO, Hungary – As the sun set in this remote and ancient village, mysterious objects suddenly swooped, dove and capered above the heads of terrified villagers.

"At first, I thought they were tiny UFOs," borscht vendor Hjalmar Poelzig told *Weekly World News*. "That is, until I brought one down with a well-aimed bottle."

It was a freshly minted baseball cap bound for America. Inside, was a small bat straining to escape. Going to the Gumi Hat Factory, police found broken windows and a large amount of guano.

"The bats had obviously come through the chimney and thought the caps were a good place to nap," said Poelzig. "Upon awakening, they were caught in the opening in back."

An animal rights group quickly netted the remaining caps and freed the captive bats.

"Now, no more bat in the hat," Poelzig chuckled.

– Dick Siegel

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY
1973 A.D.

Vampire Beer

In an apparent push to broaden its consumer base, Darden Brewing Company introduced a new product — "Bloodweiser" beer — aimed at the world's vampire population.

"We decided the best loyal, lifelong customer we could attract would be those whose lives are the longest," said a company spokesman. "Vampires live forever, so it made sense that having them as our drinkers could be extremely profitable for many years to come."

The recipe was kept confidential, but the actual blood on the ingredients list caused an uproar among normal grocery shoppers and the product was pulled from shelves after just two weeks.

– Dorian Wagner

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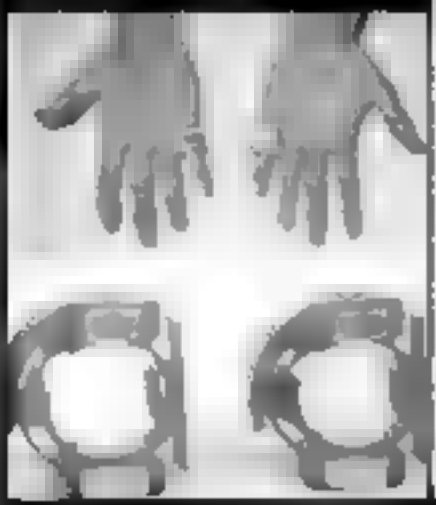

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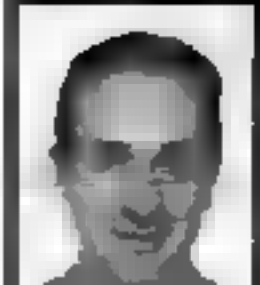

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those nights

TWEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

I hate you all

Wants to mutate into Galactic Dictator

Tweeeeeeeeeeee, and we, why so silent?

Big elf, and heeere, beanie I have you all

locked in the dungeon!

[illegible] HIGH!

By PAUL [illegible]

BROOKLYN, N.Y. – Metal detector [illegible] amateur beachcomber Ward Waktopf considers it a good day when he finds a [illegible] or a [illegible] wristwatch buried on a Coney Island beach.

"I certainly [illegible] expected to uncover a [illegible] can only be [illegible] as 'out of this world," he told *Weekly World News*.

Last week, his Metaloid Ranger-5000 [illegible] beeping like crazy.

"When I finally triangulated the precise location, I [illegible] out my entrenching [illegible] started digging," he [illegible]. "About eighteen inches [illegible], the [illegible] hit something solid, [illegible] I pried [illegible]. It was a book, about nine inches by twelve inches, with a [illegible] some weird language I didn't understand. Even though it must've [illegible] buried for years, the metal was still shiny and perfect."

[illegible] it was an aluminum-[illegible] hybrid — a new kind of [illegible].

"Inside, [illegible] after page of weird pictures and more of that strange writing."

[illegible], [illegible] took it to his [illegible] Herb Glockenspiel, a linguistics professor at [illegible] Institutes University. "It wasn't any language I've ever seen," [illegible] Glockenspiel.

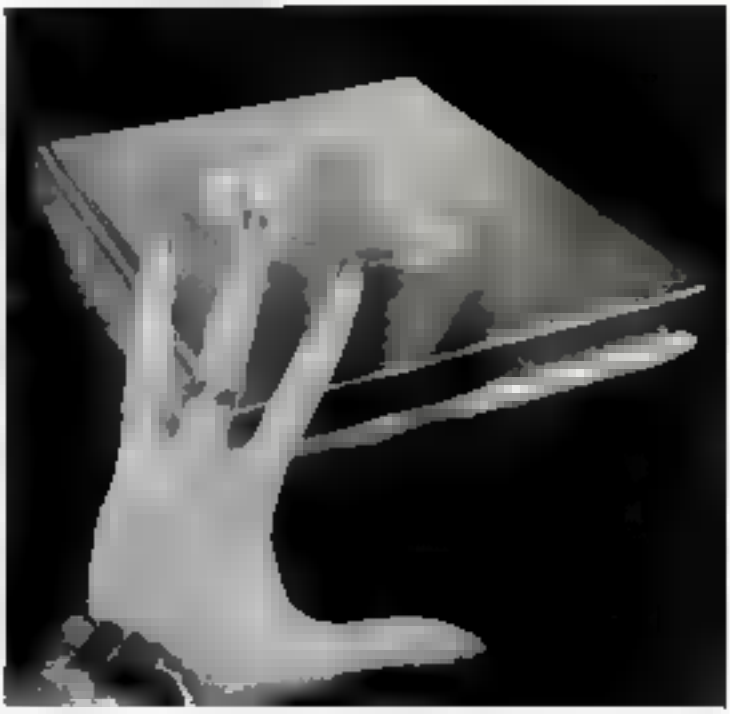
"I started showing the book around to colleagues, and it was [illegible] of our interns [illegible] actually figured it out," he went on. "She said, 'Hey, [illegible] looks just like my high school [illegible] strange [illegible].

Using an experimental translation program powered by a Cray-Z super-computer, the professor was able to decipher the language.

"It turned out to be a yearbook from Beezil Gabble-Khak High School on the planet [illegible], about [illegible] light years from [illegible]," Glockenspiel said. "I [illegible] were out [illegible] on graduation night. When they burned [illegible] year-[illegible] we've fallen out."

Glockenspiel was happy to share a [illegible] with [illegible], though he [illegible] for not finding out [illegible] the [illegible] teachers.

"[illegible] faculties failed us," he [illegible].



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GOLDI-LOCKS

By MICHAELA TREVOR

MIDLAND, Mich. — Police have confirmed the existence of an 'adult-proof safety lock,' that children have developed and distributed in the [redacted] schools and playgrounds.

"Code-named 'Goldi-Locks,' they look like something a pre-teen might have come up with in crafts class," said police Sergeant Mort Ward. "part problem toys, part paste, but entirely effective."

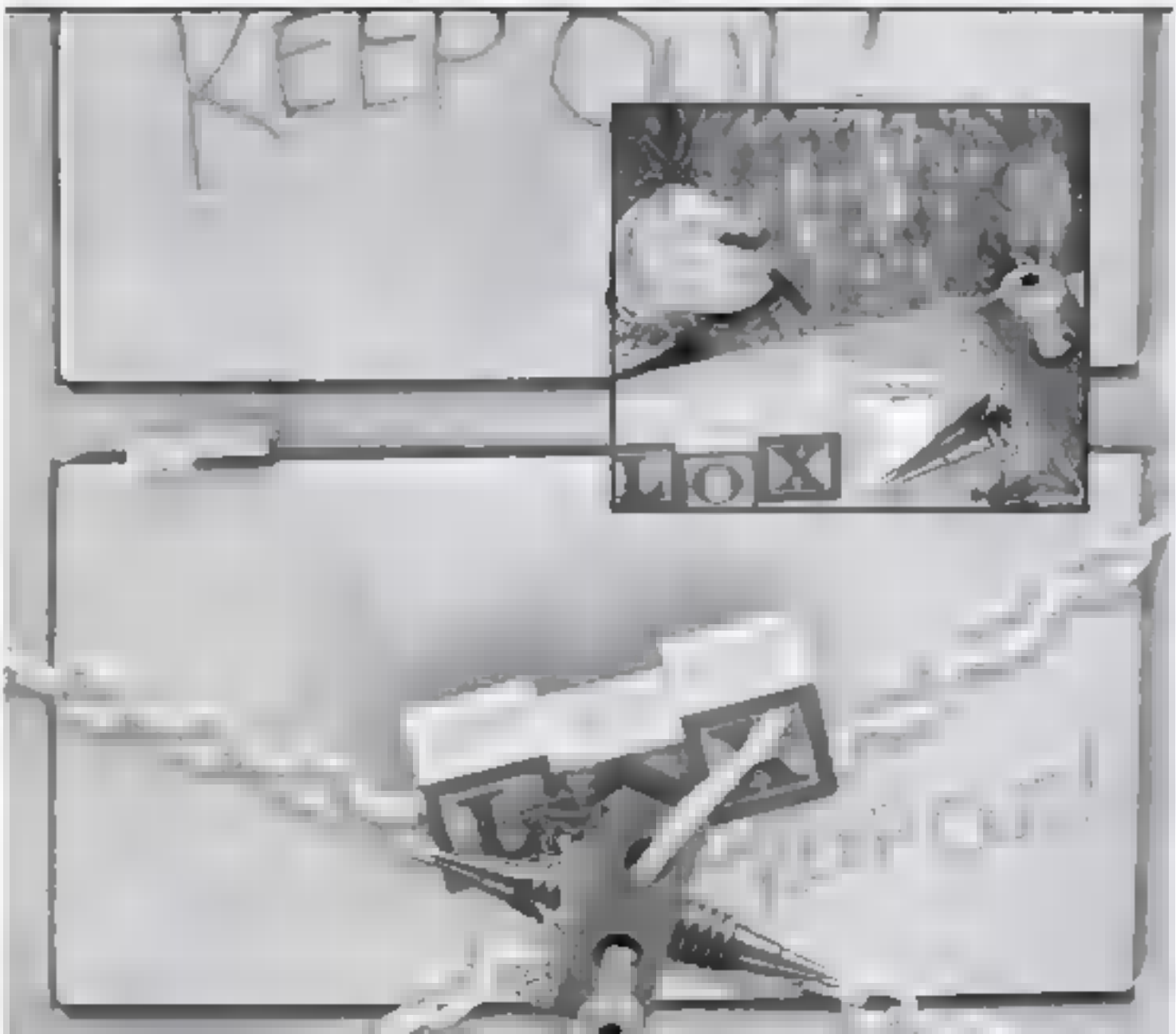
Sergeant Ward revealed that parents of soldiers are finding their hall light switches locked against nighttime darkness, toys sealed in chests away from confiscation and TV remotes blocked from dialing the *Krupp-Tarzer Network*.

"And forget selling those comic book collections at yard sales," Sergeant Ward added. "Wolverine couldn't get through these things."

But the rash of lockouts may end soon. After extensive testing with a group of turncoat children — whose identities have been protected — police think they've cracked the adult-proof mechanism.

"The secret [redacted] the paste," said Sergeant Ward. "You have to put it in your mouth. Saliva causes it to soften.

"What adult would even *think* of that, let alone *do* it?"



PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

In the 1960s, everyone's eyes were aimed at the skies as NASA began sending astronauts into outer space. Enterprising businessmen seized the opportunity and marketed homes shaped like UFOs.

These compact domiciles, thirty-six feet in diameter, failed to launch and only a handful of structures remain.

Back then, though, the homes were must-see items for tourists. When Etta and Rick Candy were scouting for a retirement home in Florida, they stopped to gawk at one such an abode. When Candy pulled out his instamatic camera, little did he realize that he was not the only tourist drawn to the odd structure.

When Rick developed the film a month later, he was stunned to see the shape hovering in the sweltering space above them. Eagerly, he showed the snapshot to local authorities, none of whom believed his story or his image. The photo was forgotten until it surfaced at a recent garage sale, long after Etta and Rick passed away.

DEATH ROWERS

"DEATH ROW" refers to the section of a prison that holds criminals awaiting execution. However, according to ancient carvings found in the ruins of a nearly two-thousand-year-old sunken ship, the term was originally coined by slaves in ancient Rome.

"The most terrible fate for a slave – even worse than becoming a gladiator – was to serve in a Roman galley," said historian Lawrence Cove. "The slaves were chained to their oars in stinking, filthy lower decks and forced to row almost unceasingly by the crack of a whip."

Eighty percent of galley slaves perished within three months from disease, starvation or heart failure.

"A slave's life at sea was indistinguishable from execution," said Cove. "It just took longer. It wasn't long before the slaves who manned the oars referred to their task as a 'death row.'

Clearly, ancient death rowers had it a lot worse than their modern-day counterparts.

"There were no appeals for galley slaves," said Cove. "No family visits, no last meals and no religious comfort. In addition, most of the slaves weren't guilty of any crimes, making their punishment even more unjust. When compared to the policies of ancient Rome, the treatment of prisoners in the United States doesn't seem so cruel."

–Michael Flavin

Hi, Dolly

CALL HER MRS. ROBINSON?

Hi, Dolly: Our fifteen-year-old son has become close friends with a thirty-five-year-old divorced woman who lives nearby. He either spends all of his time at her apartment or else she comes to our house. He does work for her like cleaning and painting her apartment for nothing and when we tell him that she is much too old for him and that he should look for a girlfriend his own age, he says girls his own age make him sick. Even though our son claims that he and this woman are just good friends, we are very concerned because there have been so many cases of older women getting involved with young boys with harmful results. What should we do? — Concerned Mom in New Paltz

Dear Concerned Mom: I think you should stop frettin' about this lady, sugar. If your son invites her to your house and she comes, they ain't hidin' nothin'.

At the same time, I'd try to find out what he means when he says that his own age bores him 'sick.' Maybe he's hungry for intellectual stimulation that they just ain't providin'. Maybe he's gay.

Or maybe he just likes older women. If that's the case, in a few years he'll be past the age where you'll have anythin' to worry about it, one way or the other. In the meantime, tell your son he's welcome and invite her over. Try to be supportive.

No vacancy!

Hi, Dolly: I live in a small apartment with one bedroom and one bathroom. Recently, friends from out of town asked if they could stay overnight and I said yes. They had such a good time that one night turned into three. They're still here! They're leaving tomorrow, and they asked if they could come back next month for a couple of nights.

Is there a polite way to say no? I really love my friends, but I want to sleep in my own bed and not have to worry about keeping the bathroom spotless and the refrigerator stocked. — Vickie in Freeburg

Dear Vickie: You ain't runnin' a hotel, sweetie. Never ever let no one take advantage of you — friend or no friend. Just say to them nice, but firm, that it's very inconvenient for you to have your friends here so long.

Suggest a less costly option within their budget and tell them you'll look forward to goin' out with them next time they come to town.

Brother made our flip flop

Hi, Dolly: My elderly mother died last year and left her apartment to my brother and me. I wanted to fix it up and then try to sell it but my brother said he wanted the money right away. I was forced to sell the renovated apartment for a modest amount of money.

The new owners had to paint and make some repairs and got twice as much for it as they had paid.

I'm furious with my brother for doing this. I don't have that much money, and this would have made a big difference to me. I don't know if I ever speak to my brother again. Do you blame me? — Ann in Jersey City

Dear Lois: I've seen many a squabble between siblings over an inheritance. I reckon a lot of it has to do with years of unresolved feelin's magnified by the grief of losin' a parent. What your brother did don't sound rational. But if he's all the family you have, you might want to make it up with him. Ain't no use holdin' a grudge over somethin' that can't be changed.

WRITE TO DOLLY

Send Dolly your letters and questions – and let her tell it like it is. Write to Hi, Dolly, c/o Weekly World News, 1 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, N.Y. 10016 or e-mail her at: dolly@weeklyworldnews.com

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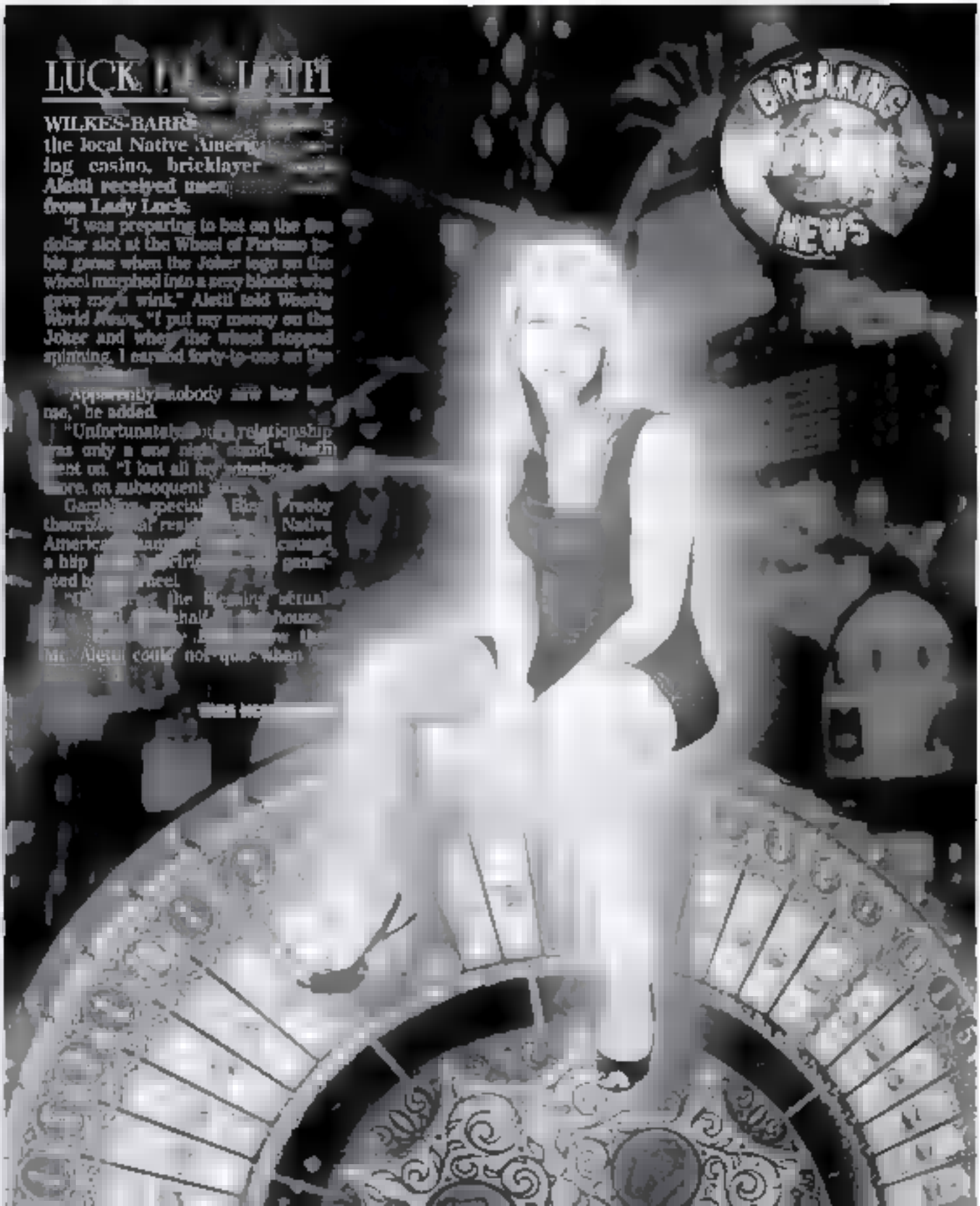

LUCK IN [illegible]

WILKES-BARRE [illegible] the local Native American [illegible] ing casino, bricklayer [illegible] Aletti received unexp[illegible] from Lady Luck.

"I was preparing to bet on the five dollar slot at the Wheel of Fortune table game when the Joker logo on the wheel morphed into a sexy blonde who gave me a wink," Aletti told Weekly World News. "I put my money on the Joker and when the wheel stopped spinning, I earned forty-to-one on the

"Apparently nobody saw her but me," he added.

"Unfortunately our relationship was only a one night stand," Aletti went on. "I lost all my winnings, and more, on subsequent [illegible]

Gambling specialists [illegible] theorize that real [illegible] American [illegible] a blip [illegible] girl [illegible] sted by [illegible] wheel.

"[illegible] the Breaking Virtual [illegible] chain [illegible] house, [illegible] Aletti could not [illegible]

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By Tabetha [illegible] Brewster

[illegible] the reporters and editors at Weekly World News unearth astonishing trivia while researching the terrific stories you read in our paper. Here's a sample of some of our recent discoveries:

• The largest recorded snowflake, the size of a dinner plate, fell on Fort Keogh, Mont., in January 1887.

• In 1900, there were more steam- and electric-powered autos on the streets [illegible] than gasoline-powered autos.

• [illegible] nine years for the [illegible] tree to grow back [illegible] to be harvested again.

• Americans spend around $4 billion a year on cookies, their favorite dessert.

• Over short distances, the average domestic rat can run thirty miles an hour.

• Only three percent of the world's population has red [illegible]. The gene [illegible] red [illegible] was inherited [illegible] ean Neanderthals.

• There are more chickens than people.

• [illegible] Cincinnati Reds played their first game [illegible] June 1, 1870. They are the

IA

ball team.

• Around seventy percent of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans.

• The whale shark, which can weigh up to fifteen tons and reach a length of fifty-nine feet, is the largest fish [illegible].

• Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil producer.

• By the age of twelve Thomas Alva Edison was almost totally deaf. He later invented the phonograph.

• Father's Day was first [illegible] President Lyndon Johnson made it an official holiday in 1966.

• With one hundred and fifty chapters, *Psalms* is the longest book in the Bible.

• At the opening ceremonies of the 1939 World's Fair in Flushing, [illegible] Roosevelt became the first U.S. president to be televised.

• Glass was invented five thousand years ago.

• Eyeglasses were invented by Johannes Kepler in the sixteenth century.

• The first toothbrushes were invented by the Chinese at the end of the fifteenth century. The bristles were made of hog's hair attached to bamboo or bone handles.

• When you sneeze, air is expelled from your nose at one hundred miles an hour!

• Air conditioning became available for home use in 1930.

• Roses, one of the most popular flowers in the world, originated in China.

• Because of the [illegible] of [illegible] dogs bred for hunting can [illegible] detect motion behind them.

• Coffee originated in the Middle East and comes from the Arab word *qahweah*.

• [illegible] the voice for the "Great Mormonia With Mr. Lincoln" exhibit at the 1964 New York [illegible] convinced citizens who had actually heard Lincoln speak.

• In 1913, the average personal [illegible] one percent.

• Since 1930, the life expectancy of pet cats has gone from eight years to sixteen years due to better diet and health care.

MATTHEW DAEMON
TRAILER TRASH
BY MIKE COLLINS
PART ONE
DENNIS. TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE! HOW MANY TIMES I GOTTA SAY?
AAAGGGG!
DENIS!!
RIGHT AWAY

ALIEN BABY
NOT THAT YOU CAN HEAR ME ME BEING ECTOPLASMIC AND ALL BUT IT SEEMS TO ME WE'RE WITNESSING AN ALIEN TELEKINETIC MIND-WIPE REVERSAL!
OH...
OH ETHAN!
MY SWEET SWEET BABY ETHAN!
TOLD YA!
CHOKE!

SPYCAT
CREATED BY
DICK GIORDANO
TALK ABOUT ADDING TO GREENHOUSE GASES..

THE NEW ADVENTURES OF
BAT BOY
Another day done, another problem solved
Aieeeeh! not REALLY
Since you made the value of Bat Boy's drawings go DOWN, I didn't [redacted] any money from my "BAT DEALER" to pay my movie hospital bills.
Oh, that's okay, Frances. Between Bat Boy and me, we have PLENTY of money from our DEATH METAL BAND days
EE!
C'mon, let's pay your mom a visit
Later...
Just sign here and we'll start the chemo immediately
Oh THANK YOU, guys! This means so much to me
$500? But I can't afford that
I'm sorry, ma'am, this is your bill
Just sign here, here, and here
Oh THANK YOU, Bat Boy!!
THANK YOU!!

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find 10 nails hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragonés? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

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REDNECK VAMPIRE TERRIFIES ALABAMA

By DENNY SPURLING

TRANSILL, [illegible], – Everyone in these parts knew that Vladdy-Joe Crump made moonshine in a cave below Dexter Mountain. And they knew he [illegible] a mite strange.

"What they didn't [illegible] was that he was a vampire!" said Transill Mayor, [illegible] Clemmons.

"A couple months back, we started getting reports of folks with puncture wounds [illegible] 'em," Mayor [illegible] recalled. "Doc Evans [illegible] they [illegible] fang marks and we figured rattlers was the culprits. [illegible] have a few snake-handlin' churches down in the valley and every once in a while [illegible]e would get chomped. We didn't [illegible] it much nevermind."

But when the [illegible] peared [illegible] Baptists [illegible] members of the Assemblies of God, [illegible] began getting worried.

"My daughter, Sadie Lou, came home [illegible] what I thought was a hickey. [illegible]

was troublin' enough," said Rodney Sapp. "But she [illegible] had a blank [illegible] that was [illegible] worse than [illegible]. [illegible] when her momma kissed her goodnight, she seen [illegible] little holes [illegible] her neck. I [illegible], 'Boy howdy, woman – I seen enough [illegible] re-runs to know them's the marks of a vampire!'"

Dr. Evans confirmed [illegible] the fang marks were too far by a serpent.

"I [illegible] something was sorely amiss," the sixty-year-old town physician told *Weekly World News*. "Patients were asking for evening hours, then coming into my [illegible] walking like [illegible]bies. They were pale and severely anemic — and the only abnormalities I could find were the bite [illegible]. I consulted with our local

wounds [illegible] the marks of [illegible], molars and one wisdom tooth.

"[illegible] knew we [illegible] [illegible] with a human – but a [illegible] with fangs!"

Word quickly spread and everyone was under suspicion. Each [illegible] mannerism was noticed.

"[illegible] beyond the usual un-[illegible]," Dr. Evans noted.

Houses of suspects were

meetings were held. But the people entering churches dwindled as the of who said they had someth to do to Suspi- became paranoia.

"One guy punched ol' lie Crane right between the eyes and drug him th d Mayor Clemmons. "He said Charlie was the neck of a

purty little gal. I told him that was plain foolishness 'cause Charlie ain't got a tooth in his head. Turns out he was just wobbly due to too much moonshine, and fell against big cousin Mary."

women, but a few young men prey to the blood-sucking monster.

"If there it was that

tack additional duct tor- fixed," said Dr. "An analysis of the neck wounds revealed traces of tobacco. And race car and bass fishing magazines were found at the scene of several assaults. The conclusion was inescapable:

"This was a redneck vampire!"

ing, not by careful detective work — ibits were checked out. list was Vladdy-Joe Crump who l in a tarpa- shack on the of town. Neighbors realized tha hey hadn't Vlad- dy-Joe In the daylight

and the story.

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"Some coon hunters [illegible] him in the woods around [illegible] night a couple times, but they didn't think it was [illegible]. They figured he [illegible] have been doin' a moonlight check on his old plywood [illegible]. But we decided to [illegible] at his place one morning for a look-see.

"We were surprised [illegible] his windows was boarded up, but we got a bigger shock when we walked in. [illegible] he [illegible] layin' in a wooden box of [illegible] kind – made of plywood! He'd actually took apart his [illegible] to make it! He raised up and kinda [illegible] at us. [illegible] the [illegible] stand up on my neck. I ain't embarr[illegible] to say. We asked what in Lemation was going [illegible] and he [illegible] he'd just [illegible] to sleep and [illegible] us to [illegible] out.

"Well, somethin' definitely didn't [illegible] right so a couple of [illegible] boys slapped cuffs [illegible] him and we threw [illegible] in a cell while [illegible] continued [illegible] investigation."

A check of Crump's [illegible] produced a startling discovery.

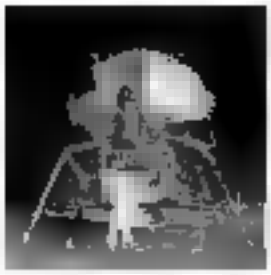
"Among the common brown [illegible] hanging from the ceiling [illegible] a South American Vampire Bat," said Dr. Evans, an amateur naturalist. "Clearly, [illegible] bite [illegible] by bringing him a thirty-six-ounce [illegible]. [illegible], all [illegible] feasting [illegible] had [illegible] Vladdy-[illegible] count to [illegible] bursting point. As he finished his food he [illegible] a massive coronary.

"It was justice," Dr. Evans [illegible]. "Poetic justice. That [illegible] went right to [illegible] heart."

addiction to [illegible] blood."

Tests proved their pets-[illegible] [illegible] clearly [illegible], but fate spared the [illegible] the trauma of a [illegible] [illegible] next [illegible] the [illegible]-neck vampire was found dead in his cell.

"[illegible] figured he [illegible] to be [illegible], so he had [illegible] for a last [illegible]," reported Dr. Evans. "A [illegible]



'LOST AND FOUND IN SPACE'

By MICHAELA TREDOR

HOUSTON, Texas — In 1970, astronaut Al LeGume left a souvenir on the lunar surface.

"It was a Polaroid of my family," he said. "I considered the picture a monument for future colonists. I never expected to see it again."

But a strange midnight visit to the astronaut's home proved him wrong.

"Loud knocks on the front door woke me up," the astronaut explained. "When I got downstairs I saw a blinding glare through the mail slot. Nearby, my son's toy monkey was agitatedly banging cymbals. When I opened the door I found, on my welcome mat the slightly sun-bleached photo I'd left on the moon."

Eerily, *Weekly World News* heard similar stories from seven other NASA retirees, who have recovered lost spacesuit gloves, cameras, a [redacted] and even a jar of Tang.

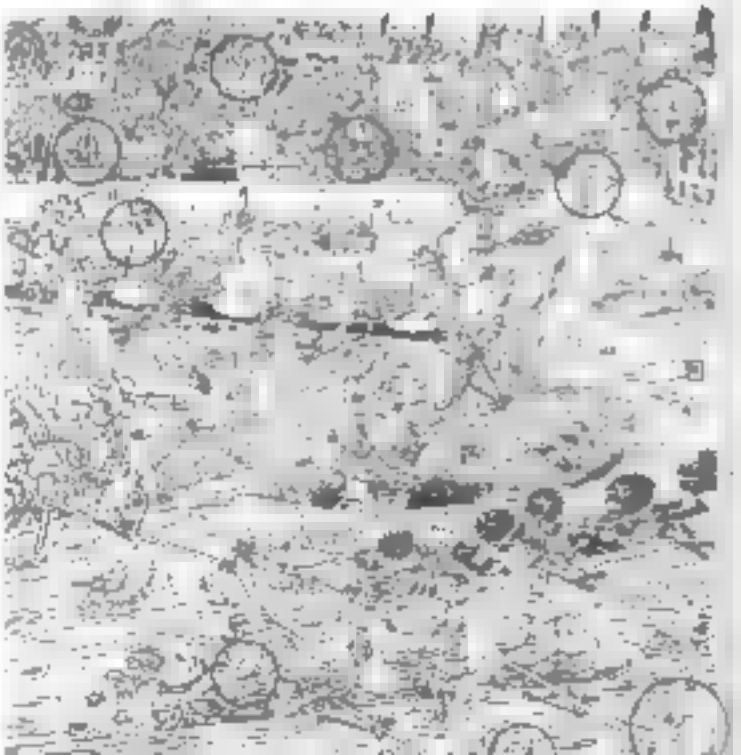
"Whichever aliens are behind this — and we suspect [redacted] E.T.s [redacted] G — it's a grisly gesture," LeGume said. "But it's quickly becoming inconvenient. Last week, the base of the Lunar Excursion Module appeared on the front lawn of a former mission director. It would make a lovely planter but nothing really grows — for blocks. It did absorb a lot of cosmic rays, sitting on the lunar surface."

To dissuade aliens from returning any more artifacts, NASA plans to float a cease-and-desist message [redacted] orbit. The mission ranks surprisingly high on the space agency's list of priorities.

"They're worried about some duds test nukes [redacted] up during [redacted] sixties," LeGume revealed. "Nobody wants them showing up in the [redacted] House mail bag anytime soon."

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 medals hidden in the cartoon.



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25 Yellow fruit
26 Dish roll
27 Lineup
28 Mombasa capital
30 Soviet labor camp
31 Goes one better
34 Rajahs' mates
36 Grown-ups
38 Rotten kid
40 Exhilarate
41 Doled out
42 Chasm
44 It's a blast
46 Cereal grain
47 Oak or willow
49 Pheasant
50 Feather
51 Playful pranks
54 Cushion
57 Tall skirt
58 Dole's opposite
59 Bart's cartoon dad
60 Undeveloped film
61 Grand —
62 Galloway Park
63 Pumpkin pie spice
66 Fracas
70 Wipe the slate clean
71 Turn over
72 He probably won't win
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78 Looks up and down
81 Crumbly white cheese
82 Ring lifter
83 Egg dish
84 Soviet leader
85 Tempted
90 Dent
91 Fly trap
92 Penn's hang
94 Soap box
96 Crystal ball gazer
97 Farm building
98 Back to early
100 Pours cats and dogs
101 Turned to ice
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103 Lead off
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106 Survived down
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109 Strike out
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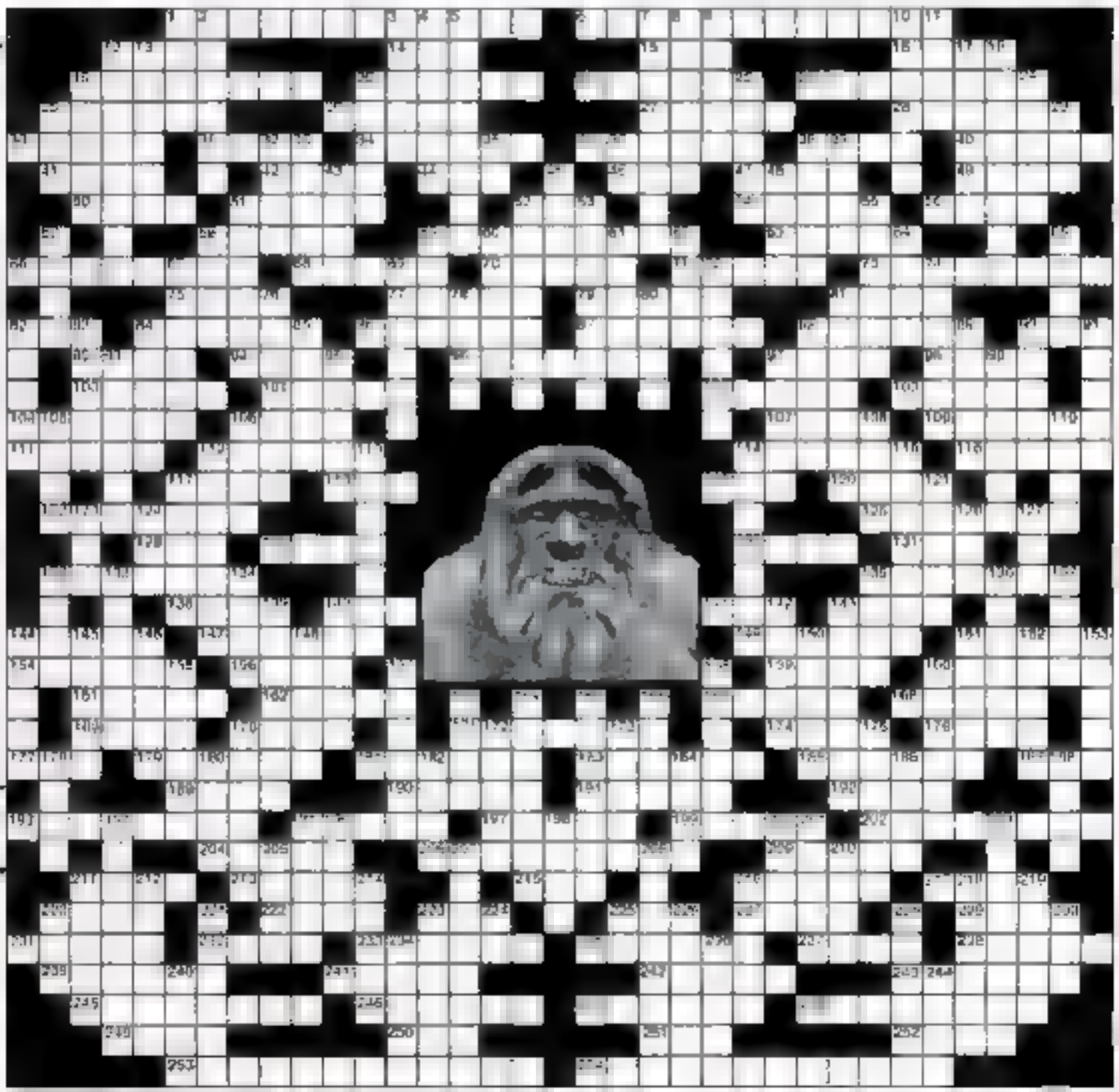

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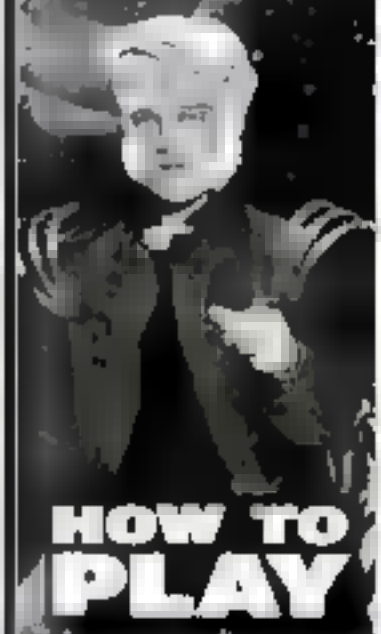

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[redacted] trip to North America took so long, Leif Ericson returned home only to learn that his name had been crossed off the [redacted] of village inhabitants.

He complained to the village chief, who relayed the adventurer's displeasure to his statistician.

"I'm so sorry," said the latter. "I must have taken Leif off my census."

Examining his new will, [redacted] old man said to his attorney, 'I guess this makes my son and me sort of like football players.'

"How's that?" the lawyer asked.

"Well, until I kick off, he doesn't receive."

While traveling through Arizona, Mr. Goldstein stopped at an impoverished reservation. There he saw a young Native American and his father making trinkets for tourists.

"Excuse me," Mr. Goldstein said to the old man, "but don't you think your boy would be better off if he got an education?"

"We would," the Indian

The young man said to his bride-to-be, "You know – I'm beginning to think the only reason you're marrying me is for the half-billion dollars my great-uncle L[redacted]"

"Don't be silly," she replied. "I don't care *who* left it to you!"

afford one."

"Don't worry," Mr. Goldstein said. "I have a workshop in Brooklyn. He can work there and go to school at night."

The old man thought for a [redacted] "your concern is very important to us, but so is education. Thank you, sir. He will go with you."

Two years passed and finally the young Indian [redacted] returned to the reservation. As he stepped from the bus, he was still wearing [redacted] Indian garb and still carried himself with the pride of the Native American.

"My son," the old Indian embraced him. "I'm glad to see that the city did not change you."

The youth shrugged and said, "Once such a Native American, always such a Native American."

Taking her kindergarten class to the petting zoo, Mrs. [redacted] gave [redacted] child a turn identifying the animals. Finally it was Bess's turn. Pointing [redacted] the teacher asked, "[redacted] of the [redacted]?"

Bess looked long and hard but couldn't come up with the answer.

"[redacted]," the teacher encouraged. "What does your [redacted] at home?"

[redacted] the girl's face brightened. "So that's what an ass looks like!"

Midway through the third hole, the golfer turned to his smart-mouth caddy [redacted] said, "Son – I just [redacted] you to know that when we get back, I'm going to report you for being such a wiseacre!"

"That's fine with me," the boy said. "By the time we get back, I'll be old enough to get a real job."

Britt came home crying. "Where's your dog?" her mother asked.

"Lulu ran [redacted]," Britt said, [redacted], "and I've looked everywhere for her!"

"Don't worry," her mother said, [redacted] away her tears. "We'll put a lost and found ad in the paper."

"That won't help!" the girl bawled. "Lulu can't read!"

The new rancher called the local veterinarian.

"I don't understand it, doc. All of my cattle die while we're branding them."

"Hmmm... that is strange. I'd better come out and have a look. Which ranch is yours?"

"The Single-M, Double-O, Triple X, Circle W, Seven-Bar [redacted] Ranch..."

After being knocked out by a falling brick, a woman awoke in a hospital. Her head was killing her and she said weakly, "Was I brought here... to die?" "Actually, no," said [redacted]. "You were

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WWN STORIES? TEST YOURSELF

FOR YEARS, faithful readers of *Weekly World News* have been kept up to date on the most extraordinary events on Earth – and off. However, reading about the facts is [redacted] thing. Retaining [redacted] is another. Let's see how much you [redacted] about our remarkable stories!

1. According to [redacted] companies will display advertisements on:
a) [redacted] trunks.
b) Human foreheads.
c) Clouds.
d) The Moon.

2. To alleviate the [redacted] of plain matzoh, the ancient Israelites also created:
a) Tacobs
b) Gefilte sushi.
c) Carpal radish.
d) Pizzoh

3. Nuclear physicists have [redacted] a new [redacted] by:
a) Hamsters.
b) Windmills
c) Ten-foot batteries
d) Jazz fusion.

4. Computer engineers are confident they are on the verge of creating a computer that possesses:
a) A sense of humor.
b) Artificial Intuition
c) Hair.
d) Legs

5. Tenth [redacted] owner Tyler [redacted] kind of pet?
a) A duck
b) A wolverine
c) A Komodo dragon
d) A goose

6. Democratic presidential candidate Barak Obama has made a concerted effort to court which group of voters?
a) Absentees
b) Republicans
c) [redacted]
d) Zombies

7. Precocious six-month-old Horace Connors is a master at forging:
a) Signatures
b) Impressionist [redacted]
c) [redacted]
d) Report cards

8. [redacted] in Shockyville [redacted] dig in a legendary Catskill Mountain mine for what valuable commodity?
a) Gold
b) Coal
c) [redacted]
d) [redacted]

9. [redacted] crashing his private jet in the South [redacted], Mike Rennie survived by:
a) Eating tiny packets of peanuts

ANSWERS

1 c) But it will be discontinued after meteorological conditions link certain products with violent storms.

2 a)

3 d) The energy is derived from a rapid succession of smash hits and super-critical reactions.

4 b)

5 a) The Hellcule Tyler received for owning that animal created the expression 'lame duck.'

6 c) He praised the mermaids lobbying for Mermaid- Safe tuna.

7 b) He makes them out of baby food.

8 d) They dig nuggets from the ground.

9 c) He caught a sawfish and a hammerhead shark

10 d) They had served mammoth burgers and Filet Magnon.

PEOPLE ARE STRANGE!

Weekly World News has scoured the world to uncover the most outrageous things that people are doing, have attempted to do, or actually did.

FLORENCE, Italy

Disturbed by the crude, tasteless, uninspired works of art being created today, renowned medium Bernardo Romano began invoking the spirits of legendary artists Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael to instruct modern Italian painters and sculptors in their crafts. Hundreds of budding artists came from all over Italy [illegible] in on these [illegible]

BOSTON, Mass.

When twenty-year-old Stacy Walker checked into Saint Mary's Medical Center to be treated for blurred vision, the medical staff naturally suggested that she see a specialist. However, when her sockets began bleeding without an apparent wound, the physicians became convinced she was suffering from a little-known condition called an 'astigmata.'

KENAI, Alaska

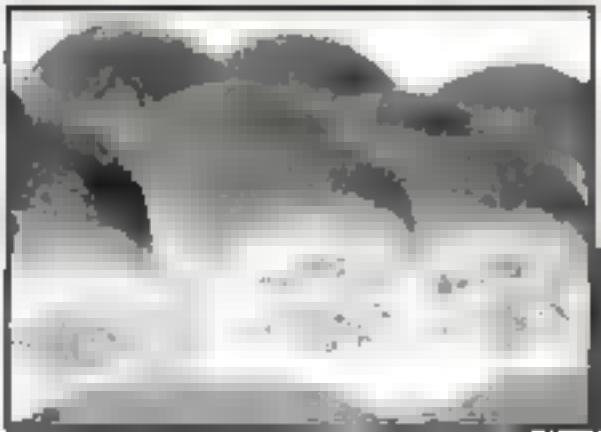
While studying Eskimo dwellings, anthropologist David Blather made a startling discovery when he ascertained from elders that an Eskimo's entire abode is actually known as an igloo. He was informed that only the rooms built with yellow snow are igloos.

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Thirty-two-year-old Albert Winston has the distinction of being the most gullible man in the world. This reputation began to take hold at the age of ten, when Winston's friends convinced him that his math teacher was a Martian – causing him to cut class. Winston's status continued unabated when those same friends recently convinced him that his boss was also a Martian, causing him to [illegible] jobs. "[illegible]ve heard of an all-day sucker?" [illegible] friend said laughing[illegible]. Al's been one [illegible] his entire life!"

LONDON, England

Fifty-year-old Douglas [illegible] hypnotherapists after claiming to [illegible] life, Adolf [illegible] Backward in time. He believes that before his present life, [illegible] fighting World War II in the year 2050. Scientists refer to this newly discovered phenomenon as 'pre-incarnation.'



PORTLAND, Maine

The famous Hugo Bakery has been owned by five generations of Hugos, each of whom has jealously guarded the family's breadbaking secrets. [illegible] so proud of their work that each loaf is branded on [illegible]

Horse Sense

Even a stallion stumbles, but it's not the mother's looking without eyes!

Fat and happiness?

Dear Mr. Horse: I've heard that omega-3 fatty acids can influence people's moods, specifically depression. First — what are they? And second — do you think that's true?

— Kelly Preston, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Kelly: Omega-3 fatty acids are polyunsaturated fatty acids found in oil from fish and seeds like flax, perilla and lingonberry. Some studies indicate that the lower your levels of omega-3 are, the more likely you are to be depressed. Apparently, about five grams a day makes a difference.

The only advice I can offer is to try it and see if you're in a better state of mind. 'Even if it's a placebo, who cares as long as you're happier?'

Personally, I've found that a sensible diet also has a way of lifting one's outlook on life. You probably can't tell, but horses are generally pretty darn happy when they get exercise, lots of sleep and eat healthy foods.

Get fit for free!

Dear Mr. Horse: Everyone I know who's in shape goes to a gym. Do you think it's necessary to do that to get fit? Money is tight, but I want to slim down.

— Randy Harris, Miami, Fla.

Dear Randy: I'm in superb shape and all I do is run around a ring and jump! Gyms offer a variety of exercises, machines, classes and the motivational environment and energy that many people need to work out.

There are also trainers on hand to guide and encourage you. However, if you have the discipline you can get into great shape in your home with zero equipment. For cardiovascular benefits, jogging in place or jumping jacks are a great workout — plus, you can watch TV while you exercise. As for muscle tone, calisthenics work well, too. Push-ups, sit-ups, squats, deep knee-bends and many other exercises will make you toned and fit pretty quickly.

Fights free radicals

Dear Mr. Horse: My mom makes me take vitamin C every morning. What does that do for the body?

— Amy Wallace, Portland, Ore.

Dear Amy: In addition to fighting free radicals, vitamin C is needed for the production of protein in tissues like skin, mucous membranes, teeth and bones, for the creation of [illegible] and adrenaline — essential ingredients of the nervous system; and the creation of carnitine, which is vital in the transfer of energy in the body.

You can get vitamin C from many fruits like oranges, lemons and grapefruit, as well as tomatoes and potatoes. Or you can do what I do. I get most of my vitamin C from carrots.

MONKEY BUSINESS

AFTER leaving the circus to make a better life for himself, Sammy the Chatting Chimp started his own exotic pet business and made a fortune. Now he wants to share the many facts and secrets he's learned.

Sammy, the Chatting Chimp!

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No returns?

Dear Mr. Chimp: As a store owner, what do you think [illegible] policy is?

– Dan Crawford, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dan: Some of the most successful retail chains have very generous refund policies – and I'm in favor of it. They allow thirty days to return opened merchandise, provided the customer has a receipt. That shows confidence in the product.

But it really depends on the business. For instance, at my pet shop I give customers three days – so the animals don't become too emo- percent fee for a health inspection to make sure the pet is healthy.

Like [illegible] businesses, I don't [illegible] the return of food unless I know the customer really well or [illegible] product [illegible] a tamper-proof container.

Super sales technique

Dear Mr. Chimp: I've just started [illegible] in sales and I was wondering if you can suggest a [illegible] successful selling techniques.

– James Douglas, Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear James: I learned this from a big old gorilla who used to stand tall and drum his chest to earn respect and attention. The number one, absolute most important aspect of product, [illegible] selling yourself. If [illegible] trust you. If [illegible] you, they'll be more open to whatever you're offering.

You should never be arrogant or fawning. You should have [illegible] conversations with your customers. Ask them questions, learn what they like and don't like. If a lady doesn't like high heels, don't show her stilettos! In addition, if you think of sales as a way of helping people, rather than helping yourself, you'll [illegible] off positive [illegible] will attract customers to you. That's how my business expanded. People came in looking for a pet, and by the time they left they knew a little about my life and I knew all about theirs. They kept coming back to

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Hospital Offers Kid-Friendly Transfusion

By Sam Ross

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — At St. Mark's Southland Hospital, kids undergoing transfusions can watch as their blood swirls in fun plastic spirals through the operating room.

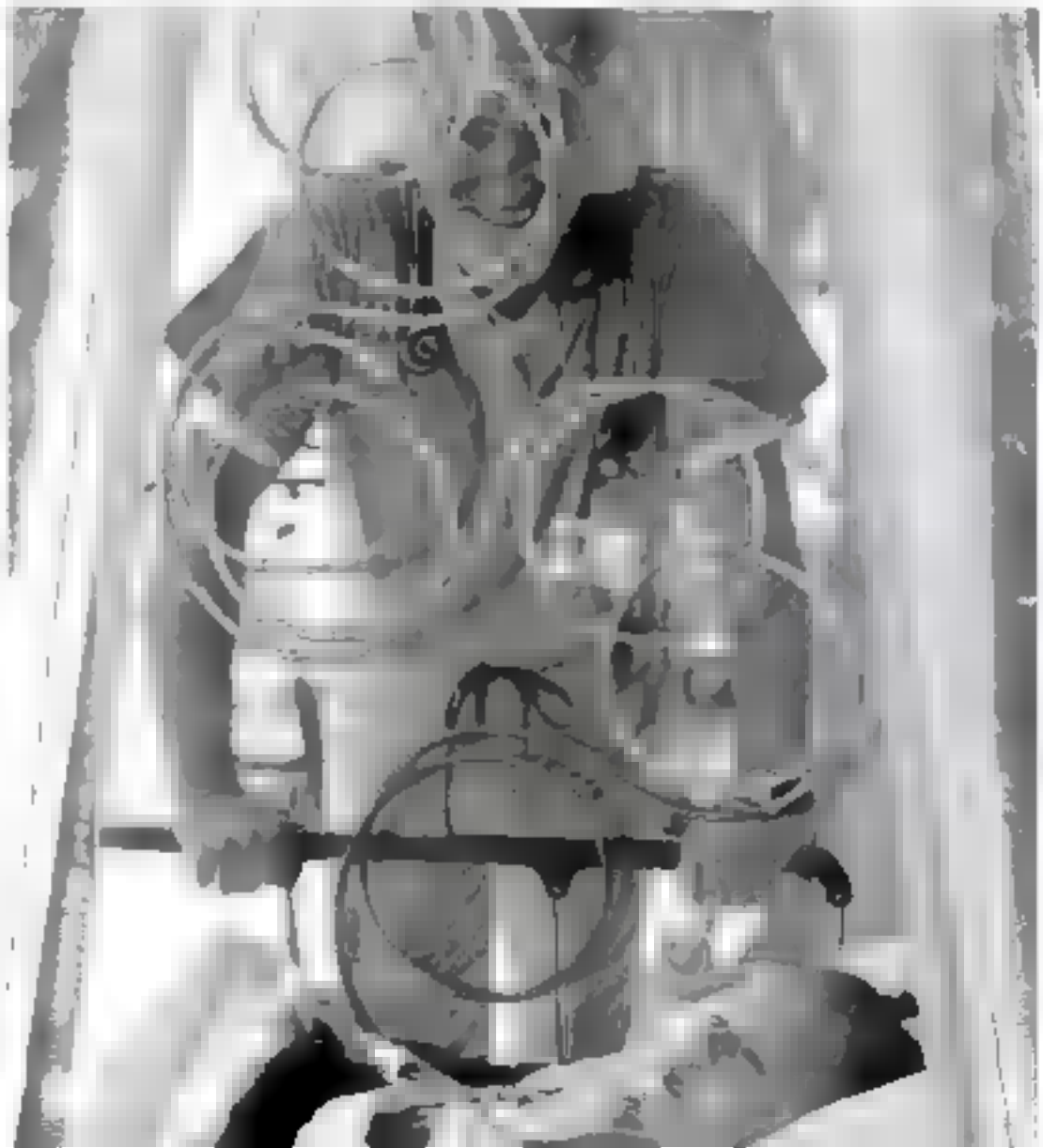
"It's just another way of making medical treatment less frightening for children," said pediatrician Anne Relling. "I've always had to hold kids' hands during transfusions, but now they're delighted. We can even arrange the tubes to look like their favorite cartoon characters."

Doctors have taken the concept even further with a new machine called "The Blood Count." The device, built to resemble a friendly vampire, enchants kids with its whimsical plastic [redacted] and speech synthesis technology. Weekly World News listened in as The Count examined Tommy, a young patient:

"One! [redacted] mature neutrophil granulocyte!" said the machine as Tommy weakly clapped his hands in excitement.

St. Mark's doctors have also experimented with tongue depressors fashioned into popsicles, wacky voice-distorting ear tubes and an advanced, new scalpel based on safety scissors.

"Traditional surgical equipment can look pretty



scary," said Dr. Belling. "So we've developed the soft and colorful new scalpel for tonsillectomies. It can administer suction, irrigation and ice cream all at once."

"We've finally found a way to put 'treat' in treatment," Dr. Belling smiled.

INTERVIEW
BRIDE OF THE REDNECK VAMPIRE

WWN: What's the worst part about being the consort of a vampire?

BRIDE: The what?

WWN: Companion. Partner.

BRIDE: Oh. The neck holes. I have to wear kerchiefs to cover them. That gets expensive, because y'always bleedin' on 'em. Also, the hours. I'm not a night person by nature.

WWN: Are there any advantages?

BRIDE: I can see real well in the dark. And I can hear dog whistles now. Also, I'm real good at swattin' flies. One hit and they're dead.

WWN: What about immortality?

BRIDE: Yeah, that's nice. Though I imagine that after a couple hundred years the dog whistles'll make me a little whacked.

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MEN

[redacted] 47 is Baptist Pastor, 5'4" [illegible] Born Again. Must have Bible [illegible] divorce only. Mature Christian only. Help turn a heart to God winning souls.

NY. 404-641 SWM 41, 5'10", [illegible] loving, sensitive, caring, humorous, [illegible]. Seeking [redacted] SWF 40-49 years old. Send photo, letter.

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AL. 404-643 Professional SWM seeks SWF age 55-65 for companionship, long walks, dining out, movies, golf, fitness activities, and you choose the rest. Southern part of the state only.

VA. 404-644 Southern gentleman, 57, healthy, employed, [illegible] kind to animals and people. Seeks lady for LTR/possible marriage. All replies answered.

FL. 404-645 (Gainesville) Country WM, DWM, 48, 5'11", 185 lbs., brown hair. Carpenter, non-smoker, nice-looking guy. Looking for a girlfriend. Any nationality. I will answer all letters.

NM. 404-646 Correctional institute inmate. SWM 47, 6', 200 lbs., blue eyes. Handsome, [illegible] and [illegible] wish for a lifetime, age unimportant. Re [illegible]

MO. 404-647 SWM, [illegible] seeks attractive, intelligent lady for LTR. Prefer social worker, paralegal, secretary, librarian, computer skills person. No drugs/smoking/booze. Love and benefits. Photo/phone please.

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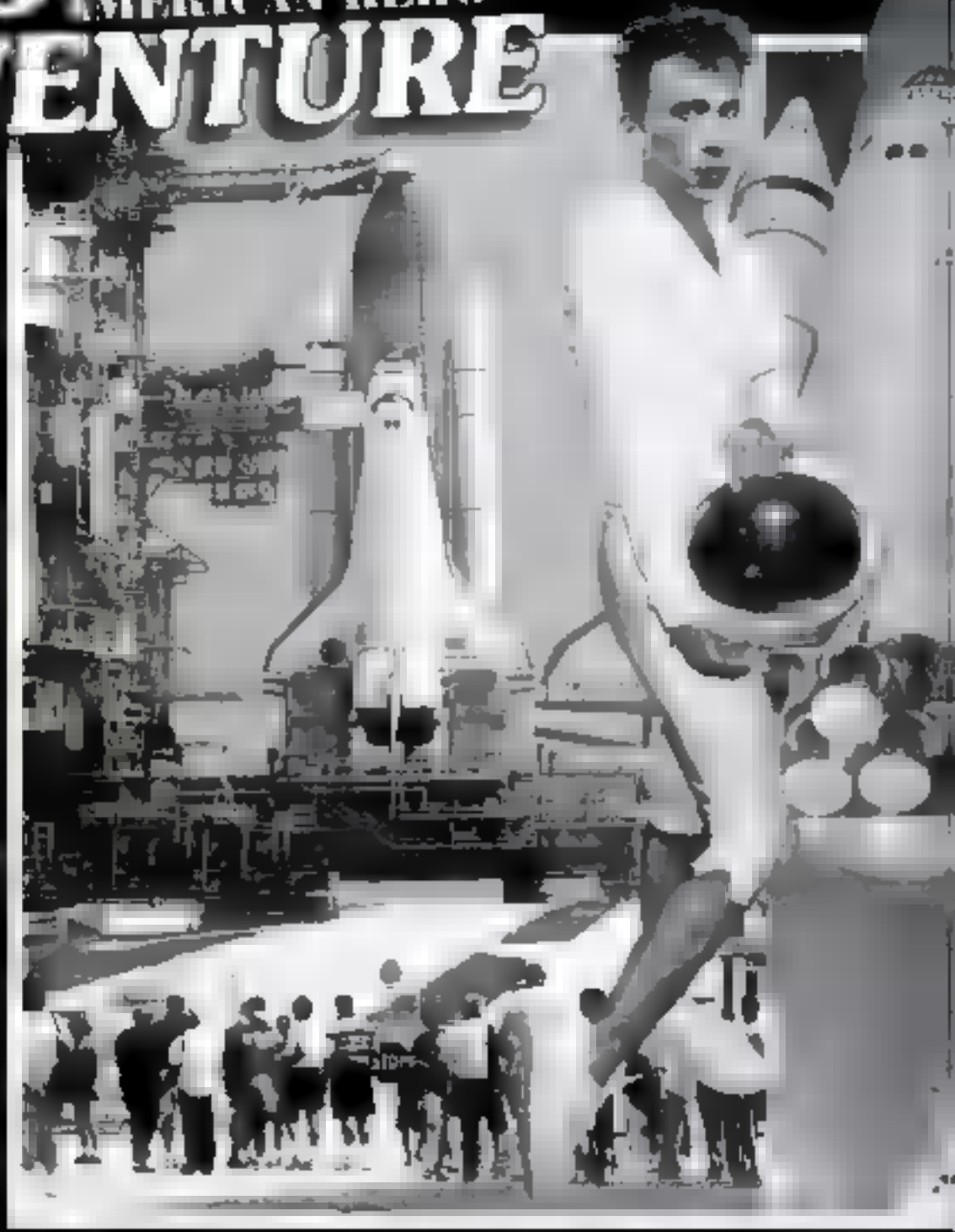


[redacted] the [redacted] race after a two-year hiatus, NASA successfully launched the space shuttle Atlantis on April 11 and brought it safely back to earth the following day.

"The top secret relaunch of the space shuttle was a complete triumph," said Chief Engineer Dale Gordon, 58. "There were only two glitches. First, the launch was not supposed to take place for another six weeks. Second, instead of our trained and dedicated [redacted] by the flamboyant self-promoter your newspaper calls 'Miss Adventure.'"

"It wasn't self-promotion, it was honest," said Steven Andrews, aka Miss Adventure. "I had recently visited the sunken city of Atlantis where I was a stranger in paradise, so it was only fitting that I take a trip on board the space shuttle Atlantis!"

Like [redacted] no one has had as many ups and downs as Andrews. In a few short months the 28-year-old hairdresser-turned-adventurer has traveled up Mount Everest in a mink coat and high heels, voyaged down to the bottom of the sea in search of priceless pearls, and journeyed even further down to the very center of the earth.

"Up and down, up and down I feel like a pole vaulter," laughed Andrews. "Adventure is like a Brad Pitt film festival. Even the bad ones leave you breathless. As soon as I finish one journey I can't wait to take another."

Yet Miss Adventure's latest escapade was extreme even for this versatile young man. It began when Miss Adventure and his close companion and, mentor, Danny 'Dee Dee' Romano, 62, had driven from their modest home in Teaneck, N.J., to Cape Canaveral, Fla., where they arrived on a Saturday afternoon and immediately went to see Romano's nephew, Dr. P.T. Dopson, 43, launch supervisor of the Atlantis.

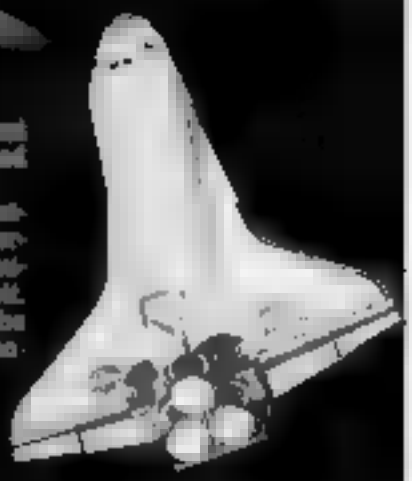
Andrews hadn't visited the Space Center since the Clinton administration. He was pleased to see that the security guard at the entrance still seemed to remember him.

"We walked into the mess hall — which was actually quite fab, I thought — and no less than 30 men abruptly got up and left. They were probably rushing to get ready for a night at the Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex," said Andrews. "I'm not sure if it was my outfit or my hair, but I'm pretty sure they remembered them last time. I was so happy I'd dressed for the occasion."

Miss Adventure [redacted] the flight suit jumps [redacted] for his visit.

"The whole Cape Canaveral, JFK, space race ambiance absolutely screamed out to me as I [redacted]

MISS ADVENTURE BECOMES THE GAYEST AMERICAN ASTRONAUT!



by that decade in general, and Laura Petrie on The Dick Van Dyke Show in particular. That's how I happened to be wearing a lemon yellow blouse and hot pink capri pants. Memo to Chief Engineer Gordon: It wasn't "flamboyant." It was retro."

(a show he guests the space shuttle. Andrews thought it would prove impossible to break security in order to view the shuttle, which had recently been rolled from the Vehicle Assembly Building in preparation for launch. Dozens warned him that it was really a very simple matter.

"He told me all the gays took their girlfriends to see it and that, dressed as I was, I'd simply be mistaken for his girlfriend. As it turned out, he was right. Within minutes of approaching the shuttle we were inside and he was explaining the entire procedure for sending the craft into space. And then, of course, he accidentally pushed the fire ally button that launched us."

Miss Adventure later learned that it requires six million pounds of thrust from the shuttle's solid rocket boosters to achieve takeoff ("Thank God I was wearing Depp"). Dozens, Doc Doc and our hero dived for the bucket seats and strapped themselves in as the crushing G-forces mounted.

"It was the first time I was elevated by anything like that!" Miss Adventure declared. "I was squashed against the seat. Every part of me was feeling like Roger Moore in Moonraker. I became sick and vomit. I vomit that when I returned — if I returned — that this had to go."

After the boosters were jettisoned and the brief acceleration stopped, the Atlantis orbiter successfully settled into orbit. That offered Andrews the chance to make several astonishing observations.

"The view was simply stunning. I'm not into help art and I must say that our planet is a whole lot prettier without all those cringely lines you see on maps. However, that Disney was wrong. The world is not a carousel of color. It's mostly dark blue, brown and many greens. A few primary shades would be nice — some red on the caps or a nice yellow rash around the equator. Maybe a cute coral patch in Monaco."

After orbiting for approximately 35 hours, space shuttle Atlantis reentered the earth's atmosphere at a height of 400,000 feet. The ship's computer managed a smooth touchdown after which the three stooges, as Gordon called them, were immediately taken into custody. ("I asked if I could be Shemp," Andrews confided. "I like a challenge.")

NASA threatened to throw the book at the crew for their antics, even though they had established several records in orbit — not all of them scientific. However, after a long closed-door meeting with the top brass, all charges were dropped.

Besieged by reporters as he and Doc Doc prepared to drive home to New Jersey — where Miss Adventure said his first stop would be the gym — our hero was coy when it came to explaining the military's abrupt change of heart.

"Don't ask and I won't tell," he winked.

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Home decorating for most people means an eclectic array of furniture. Chairs of all sizes and shapes get added to the mix. There are some people, of course, who wouldn't dream of parting with a beloved seat, which has spawned a new series of advisories.

BY MICHAEL ROVIN

Each week, *Weekly World News* interviews people who possess the strang- [redacted] abilities on – and sometimes off – the planet. This week we talk to fifty-year-old Michael Galvani, a barber with the most important client in existence.

WWW: When did God first approach you to cut His hair?

MG: Right after I got my license. I had just opened a small shop outside Vatikan City. He descended right in, selected a chair in the back so he "wouldn't attract attention, He said, and then asked for a cut.

WWW: Did He explain why He needed a haircut?

MG: He said He was tired of the operas being sung by His Heavenly barber, Samuel. He also said my shop was very convenient.

WWW: Was it challenging?

MG: Oh yes. For one thing, His presence was blinding. I had to squint a lot, which made the job difficult. Before His second visit, I went out and got a welding visor.

WWW: What kind of cut did He ask for?

MG: He wanted a new look, something other than the long hair and beard. Apparently, a number of angels suggested that He'd have a larger flock if He didn't look so much like Santa Claus. So I gave Him a tight crew cut with a fade as well as a shave. He looked

some entity.

WWW: Well — [redacted]

MG: True.

[redacted] Why [redacted] you [redacted] God [redacted] the [redacted] of a [redacted] stylist? Couldn't He [redacted] his [redacted] to [redacted] growing?

MG: I think it helps Him to be connected to humanity, to do some of the things that we do. I'm also guessing He's pretty lonely in Heaven. I'm used to chatting with my customers but God really can talk.

WWW: What does He talk about?

MG: Honestly, He's a little bit of a name dropper. "Jesus did this" and "da Vinci did that." I guess He can't help it, being in His position.

[redacted]?

[redacted] Ah, that's the [redacted] drawback. He pays with blessings. Still, His presence [redacted] [redacted]g in traffic.

WWW: [redacted] you have other customers [redacted] God?

[redacted] Oh [redacted]. Thanks to Him, I'm packed most of the time. People pay just to sit in [redacted] chair. [redacted] every [redacted] Sunday I keep [redacted] place totally empty for Him. He doesn't mind the gawkers but they make me nervous. And if He's in an [redacted] Testament mood, this is one client you don't want to nick.

WWW: [redacted] Does God ever send you referrals?

MG: No, although I did once get a visit from Satan.

WWW: That must have

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MADAME MALISA

Renowned medium & psychic

May 7 - May 13

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You can too! To find your lucky Numbers, simply look up the sign under your birth month in the chart below. If you have chosen numbers for [illegible] area, add your birthday [illegible] need fewer numbers, [illegible] numbers listed [illegible]

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	25, 7, 19, 47, 13, 23
TAURUS	5, 40, 48, 2, 9, 35
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LIBRA	15, 24, 39, 47, 17, 33
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SAGITTARIUS	[illegible]
CAPRICORN	4, 14, 43, 25, 19, 1
AQUARIUS	33, 12, 5, 41, 38, 26
PISCES	19, 28, 35, 1, 25, 37

ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Have you been excessive in some things and not careful enough in others? Too little sleep? Too much food?

This is the week to take stock and regain some balance not only in how you live but how you work.

Reconnect with friends and family as you reorganize your life and you have much time you regain and how much happier you are about things in life.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

This won't be your best week as the stars conspire to keep you short-tempered.

Knowing your lack of patience, you need to hold back on your expectations of coworkers as well as yourself. This will mean trouble sleeping and eating, as you struggle to get through the days.

The stars are in constant motion and by the weekend, equilibrium will be restored. Just ride out the storm.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Time to shine like the star you are. Things will require your time and attention and by prioritizing them, you will demonstrate to all just how valuable and capable you are.

This should bring you some overdue praise but take it with grace.

Share the credit, if appropriate, and realize this can set you up for better things in the weeks ahead.

CANCER

June 21 - July 22

It's going to feel like everything else in other is going wrong wherever you are. We all have weeks like this now, so be ready.

Focus major energy to minor errors, it'll be a wedding problem or just handle things one step at a time. Be forgiving without losing hands.

As the week ends, people will see just how good you are at managing the chaos and you will look like a winner.

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

Opportunities have arisen that compel you something favors.

Do not jump at any of them — at least not right away. Instead, [illegible] pros and cons of each one and [illegible] only those things you feel you are really handle.

These present duties on your time in addition to financial issues, so acting hastily will prove costly down the road.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Been neglecting your friends? Now is a good week to get back in touch, or better yet, go out with them.

It's been too much work and not enough socializing and you need to rebalance the scales. You'll see how much you've been missing.

Someone close will want to get closer and now's the time to see if sparks will fly. You deserve it.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It's a week to focus on the finances to make sure everything is in balance. Is there enough cash coming in? Are expenses under control?

You'll want to enjoy the coming warmer weather. Tidy up the yard [illegible] now so there's something left to allow a summer splurge or two.

If that means saying no to something else, that's OK — it's just an investment in future happiness.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Time and tide wait for no one, including you.

You've been feeling in over your head but that has more to do with how you've handled obligations and choices than the events in your life.

As a result, great opportunities to advance your career or make new friends are passing you by. Time to get a grip, get organized and get back into the swim of things before all the great choices have come and gone.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This week it's going to feel as if the world is conspiring against you. In fact, you think it may be just one person close by who is out to make your life a living hell.

Actually, it's less conspiracy than coincidence so take things in stride and do not lash out. If you do, it will complicate matters and possibly cost you a friendship.

Be certain to get out for a walk or a meal to blow off steam on your own.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

That warm spring sun is filling you with energy and you're raring to go.

Before tearing out of the house, figure out the best ways to use this pent-up energy as it's not wasted.

What needs your attention most, home or work? Answer that and get started, but don't try to do it all at once.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

People tend to take you at your word so that white lie you recently told is about to come back and haunt you.

Besides rehearsing the lesson about choosing your words wisely, take this week to undo the damages you unwittingly caused.

Be apologetic and truthful as hurt feelings are soothed.

PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

Much as you want to indulge your creative streak, your need to be cautious has the better of you and up all your free time.

It's a great week to be free-spirited and inventive so by all means, make time for yourself.

Just don't let important reality all on the sidelines because once you're done indulging, your return to the

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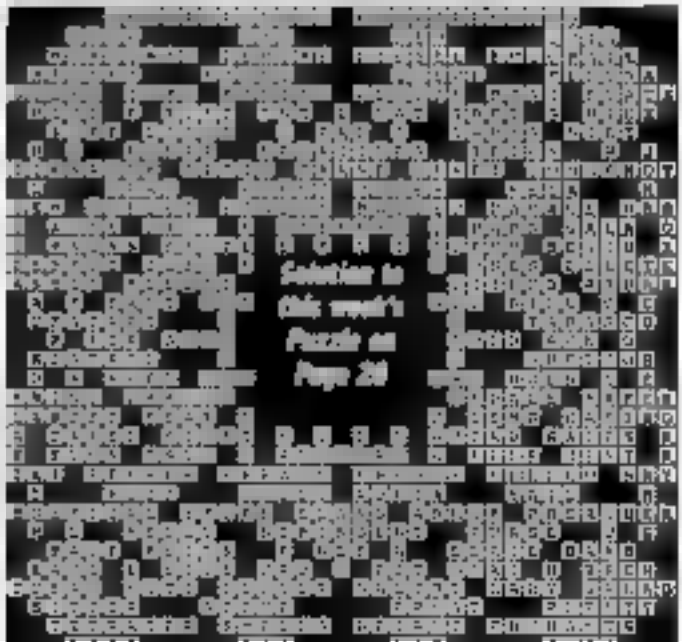


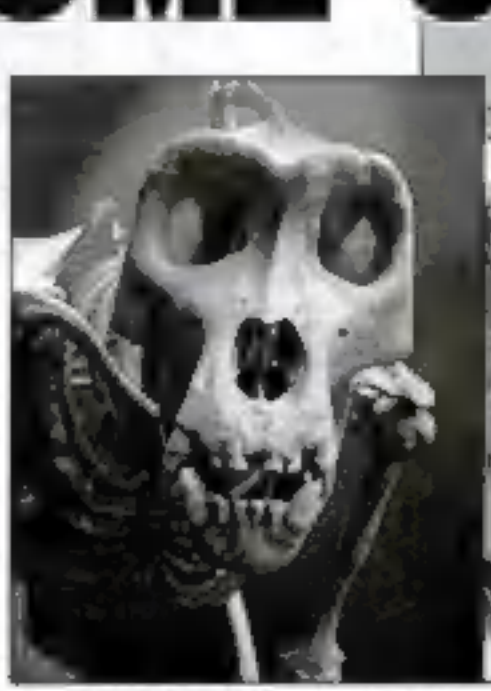
WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXTREME OPINION

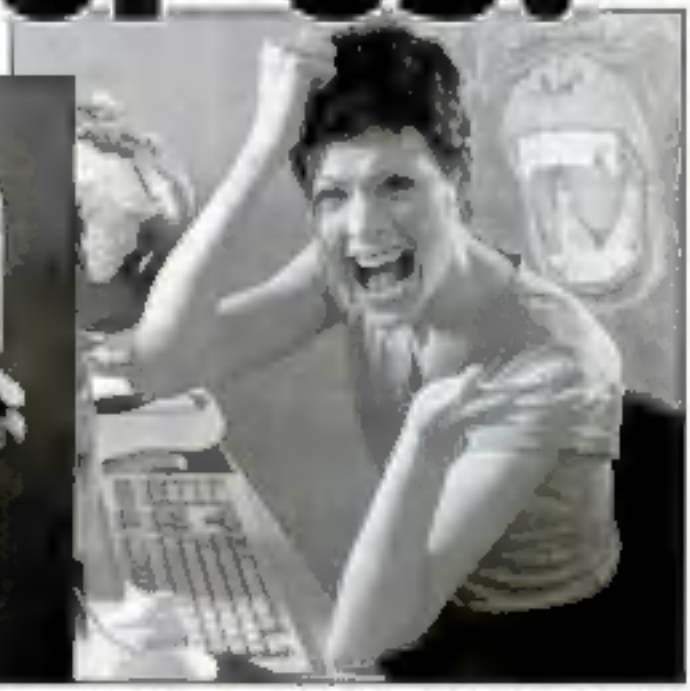
MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

WHAT'S TO BECOME OF US?

I'm madder than a dinosaur watching the killer asteroid headed my way. Worse, I'm sick and disgusted at how we humans have messed up our world and civilization. See, I've realized that biologists have it all backwards. Forget about the debate over evolution. It's not happening. The fact is we're heading in the wrong direction.





We're devolving. Back to apes, and lower.

The other day I attended a soccer match with my grandkids and here's some of what I saw: violent and angry gestures between parents, like he-apes challenging each other for tribal supremacy; eating habits that would shame a hyena; mocking, derisive laughter that would shame the rest of the hyenas; and mating rituals between single parents who cared less about being on display than Red Light workers in Amsterdam. And forget the children, many of whom were so rowdy they would make chimps seem like

of manners or respect for anyone or anything, I had no idea what most of them were even saying.

"Hey, yo wanna new beeyatch parked near mah crib?"

Come again? He talkee, I don't.

In fact, I may be doing apes a disservice by comparing us to them. We're worse. We're pigs, rats, vultures. We're grunting and mugging and shouldering our way through life while taking advantage of the few scientists and artists and entrepreneurs who continue to use their brains and talents and wits to in-

the Internet or computer animation, which we proceed to make duller and more illiterate. Or sports. We idolize and mimic athletes who exhibit increasingly ape-like rituals and anti-social behavior. They're not like a barrel of monkeys. Oh no. We're looking at the bottom of nature's barrel.

Monkeys, at least, look after the group. Us? Employees routinely exert half as much effort at work. Why? Because they've got benefits and rights and anti-employer legislation to fall back on. Our elected officials see disasters in the offing and conceive, as the solution, ways to pad their own

PAC money and buy homes in areas that won't be affected by terror or drought or storms.

It's all about *me*, and *me* is no longer reaching for the stars but reaching for a six-pack or remote control. *Me* is no longer writing symphonies but writing lawsuits because they spilled hot coffee that wasn't labeled 'hot.'

This isn't progress, folks. It's the road backward – about sixty-five million years.

To the last worldwide extinction.

Ed Anger

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS SOUND OFF!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor: My car broke down the morning taxes were due, and I still had to send my check to the IRS. So I called a cab and headed for the post office. But on the way over the driver slammed on his brakes and all my papers went out the open window – while passing over the Seattle Bridge! Obviously, I didn't go after them. However, I figured the IRS would understand why the filing was late if my explanation appeared in the paper of record.

– Jacob Walker, Seattle, Wash.

Talk about throwing money out the window!

Dear Editor: Here's some trivia you probably didn't know. Poor people in the Middle Ages used to snip small pieces from coins during hard times. That's how the expression 'small change' came about – because each cut made it smaller. Well, it so happens I've got a huge collection of these tiny coin fragments. I really believe I have the world's greatest collection of 'money clips.' Obviously, they go really well with the other money I've collected over the years...

– T. Donald, New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor: I was driving home from the grocery store when a six-pack of cola exploded like grenades all over my backseat! The windows, the upholstery, the food – everything was covered in sticky syrup. I know I didn't shake the sodas, and I didn't see the cashier do anything to them. So now I'm thinking there's an invisible man living in my car. Do you know of any who may be hanging around this town?

– Dimitri Freiov, Poland, Maine

No, but we'll keep a lookout for the 'Maine men.'

Dear Editor: Golf has consumed my life. That would be fine, except that I'm not very good at it. And I hate wasting so much time stuck in sand traps. I really can't get out of them. It's too hard swinging a club when you're ankle-deep in that stuff! But so long as I have an iron in my bag, my caddy will always be there to help me out.

– Terri Monica, Palos Verdes, Calif.

Also beware of 'the drink' and remember: the grass is only fairer!

Dear Editor: I just want you to know that if looks really could kill, I'd be serving many life sentences.

– J. Dickinson, Hollywood, Calif.

And we'd be there!

Dear Editor: The letter 'u' is so under used. It always gets trumped by the letters 'e' and 'o.' After all, 'u' would be perfect for words like 'purfect' and 'wurds.' Then 'e' and 'o' could have the stupid words like 'treat' and 'zoot soot!'

– Dr. Harold A. Charmer, Cardiff, Wales

Thanks for these puris ov wisdom.

Dear Editor: I just got a brand new pair of white, size fifteen sneakers. Man, my new shoes are so bright even my teeth shine whiter! My new shoes are so bright I can see in the dark! In fact, they're so bright I can be seen from space – during the daytime!

– Oliver Johnson, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Editor: I heard the grossest story about some guy who was scalped for Opening Day tickets. Yikes!

– Pierre Rodrigo, Albuquerque, N.M.

Dear Editor: If I ever travel to a strange planet, I'm taking a rock, some paper and a pair of scissors. Instead of

Dear Editor: What do the colors on our flag represent? I'm pretty sure 'blue' means skies and 'white' means snow. But what does 'red' stand for? Commies?

– Michelle Robinson, Salem, Ore.

That makes no bloody sense at all!

interplanetary war with weapons of super-mass destruction, I'm betting most disputes could be resolved using those tools. And if they've never seen paper, we're sure to whip their rocks!

– S. Vila, Miami, Fla.

Dear Editor: I finally got the nerve to skydive and wouldn't you know it? Shortly after jumping, my parachute failed to open. Luckily it was a tandem jump with the instructor. Unluckily, he couldn't open his chute either. Just when I was about to flip out, a ghostly shroud appeared above us and we started going up and up and up! Moments later we overtook the plane, landed on the wing and crawled safely back aboard. Talk about winging it!

– Indigo Travers, Colts Neck, N.J.

Apparently you encountered one of those rare paranormal-chutes.

Dear Editor: Why is the word 'playwright' spelled wrong? Shouldn't it be 'playwrite?'

– J. O'Hara, New York, N.Y.

'Wright' is right and 'write' is wrong.

Dear Editor: Mr. O'Hara is such a dim bulb. He used to argue that the magazine should be called *Vanity Fare*, since that's what we peddled.

– D. Parker, New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor: Our young son has problems. Whenever we say "Good morning," he falls asleep. And whenever we tell him "Good night," he stays awake till dawn! I've set all of our clocks ahead twelve hours so we say the right thing at the right time. Or is it the wrong thing at the right time? I'm not sure.

– Paula Rhino, Fort Worth, Texas

PS: Now I've found out our teenage daughter has problems, too! Whenever we tell her she's grounded, she angrily gets in the car and drives off! And whenever we tell her to leave, she gets in the car and drives off! Have you ever heard of a compulsion like that?

Sounds like a case of auto-suggestion.

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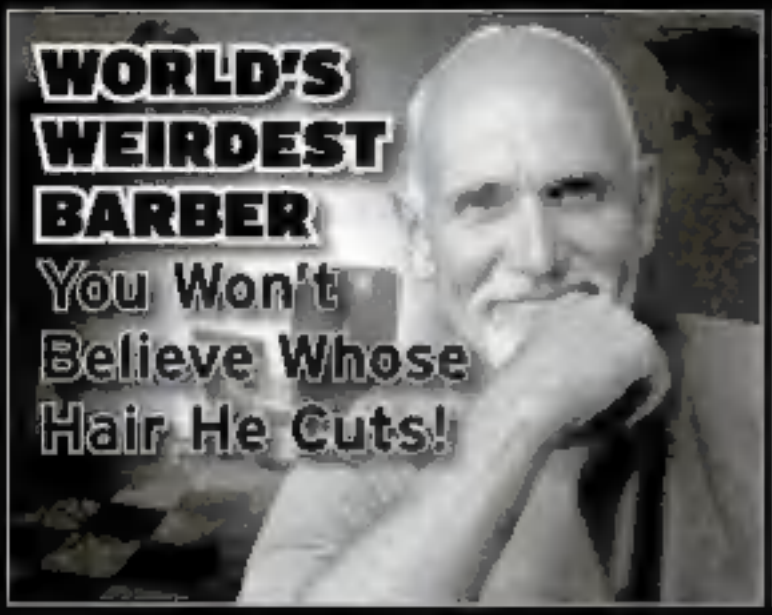

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